

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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SPORTS EVENTS OF COMING ASIAN GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the sports events in which India is likely to participate during the coming Asian Games;
- (b) the programme made by the Government to prepare for the said games;
- (c) whether coaches from foreign countries have been invited for coaching; and
- (d) if so, the expenditure being incurred on the preparation of our players and the period for which this coaching programme is likely to be continued?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

- (a) The Asian Games will be held in 37 events/disciplines. The participation of Indian Contingent will be decided on the basis of performance of participants before the Games and medal prospects thereto.
- (b) Action plan to prepare our athletes for 2002 Asian Games is already finalized in consultation with concerned National Sports Federations for most of the disciplines.
- (c) Yes, Sir, 13 coaches/experts in the discipline of Athletics, Wrestling, Judo, Boxing, Table Tennis and Gymnastics have been engaged on contract basis upto Asian Games, 2002. Five coaches in the discipline of Shooting, Badminton and Archery have been engaged on short term basis.
- (d) According to the Sports Authority of India likely expenditure to be incurred till September, 2002, i.e. upto Asian Games may be about Rs.36 crores. The holding of national coaching camps for preparation of athletes is a continuous process.